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TO : LINCOLN

DATE: 29 MARCH 1954

FROM : [ ]

INFO: CHIEF, [ ]

SUBJECT: General - Political Action, [ ] Conversations.  
Specific - Debriefings of [ ] in re: [ ]

REF: [ ] LINC 1329; LINC 1291.

1. The attached debriefings of [ ] were dictated by [ ]  
[ ] They are unchanged except for substitution of pertinent cryptonyms,  
editing for sentence structure, and occasional [ ] Comment when indicated.  
The latter is clearly denoted as such.

2. LINCOLN is reminded that while [ ] apparently has [ ]  
personal confidence and has obtained from information which is of no little  
importance to [ ] and his followers, nevertheless, he has never been in  
a position or been given the means whereby he can establish a concrete,  
effective control over [ ].

3. Messages of the type LINC 1291 are appreciated since, when the  
pertinent substance is relayed [ ], it unquestionably builds up his  
moral but messages of the type LINC 1329 could well at this stage of the  
game sabotage the operation were the full contents and implications made  
known to [ ].

4. As previously explained to [ ] at LINCOLN the morning of 18 March  
1954, [ ] are undertaking this operation from a sense of pure  
patriotism and both are manifestly exposing themselves and their families to  
a real and present danger in the event [ ] should reach a conclusion he  
is being double-crossed or dealt with unfairly. Both [ ] were  
reluctant to undertake the assignment and have several times since stated  
they desire to withdraw. They have been prevented from so withdrawing only  
by the subterfuge of being prevailed upon to stand by "for another week" in  
expectation the situation will clarify. How long [ ] can thusly  
continue to prevail over their patience and just fears cannot be reasonably  
prognosticated.

5. To recapitulate:

A. [ ] are undertaking their responsibilities in  
spite of their own better judgement and are motivated entirely  
by patriotism. They may insist on withdrawing from the operation.

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- B. There is currently no concrete, effective control over [ ] and we must rely on the personal position [ ] has achieved with him.

6. It is adamantly recommended a [ ] conference be arranged at the soonest possible date with [ ]

- A. To relieve the pressure and potential adverse reaction to which [ ] is exposed by the present situation; and
- B. To achieve thereby an elementary contractual control over [ ]

7. In answer to specific questions posed by the noted references, it has been ascertained:

- A. The method of contact between [ ] has not yet been ascertained due to the presumed absence of [ ] from [ ] Guatemala. (LINC 1332)
- B. [ ] has previously reported he holds both [ ] and [ ] in high regard as military professionals. He thinks [ ] should hold the office of Minister of Defense but that the actual control of the military should be vested in [ ] whom, for reasons previously reported, shuns official office. (LINC 1291, Para 3)
- C. [ ] has not been available for query regarding the purported statements that he has a superior position to CALLIGERIS. It is however manifest to the [ ] that such a report could well be inspired by either or both the following:
1. CALLIGERIS, who hopes thereby to decrease the stature of [ ] and rally to himself more opposition forces and funds; and/or
  2. The current Guatemalan regime, which hopes by this means to drive an irreconcilable wedge between [ ] CALLIGERIS. (LINC 1329)
- D. [ ] is not in a position to evaluate [ ] nor has it the Headquarters resume of his record. On the surface it would only occur to us that he bears an [ ] and his family have not only [ ] to

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Guatemala but their name to [ ]  
The [ ] has no information which would indicate other than  
that he is a good professional soldier; a patriotic Guatemalan  
who sincerely detests Communism; and a person against whom  
there has been no implication nor suspicion of intrigue with  
the Communists or of hostility to PRERIE. He apparently has  
investments in PRERIE which could possibly be maneuvered  
into some form of a control over him. (LINC 1291, Para 3)

ENCLOSURES:

Debriefings of 23 March 1954  
[ ] meeting

C [ ]  
29 March 1954

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Debriefing of [ ]

In re: [ ] meeting of Tuesday, 23 March 1954 (13th meeting)

1. The following accounting is rendered by [ ] of the \$2000 given to him by [ ]

\$500 [ ] to be passed on to [ ]  
[ ] to be used in the Departments of San Marcos and Quezaltenango.

\$2500 to 18 different people in the area which includes [ ] for arms and ammunition, and to enlarge the mechanism for transporting arms shipments [ ]

[ ] He is a former part [ ] and runs a small store [ ] When [ ] visited there on a market day the man immediately closed his store and went [ ] to Guatemala with [ ] who gave him \$25 to help him out. This requires an operational expense of the type which can not be avoided.

\$200 to [ ] to be used in Chuquimula to activate that area.

\$200 to [ ] in Jutiapa for the same purpose.

\$200 spent in Jalapa (100 of which went to [ ] and \$100 to [ ])

The \$1600 over and above the \$2000 indicated by the above total was provided by [ ] from his own funds. The \$3000 now requested will be used for the same purposes and similar accounting rendered.

2. [ ] reaction to our request for detailed accounting was philosophical and good natured. He said, however, he was reminded of a cartoon several years ago by Bill Mauldin in which two men were depicted in a shell hole receiving a directive from Headquarters reading that the General wanted them to report the number of sardine tins opened the past month. In a more serious vein he then stated several thousand of his loyal people are already alerted and in action and orders, necessary to the success of the operation, have already been given to kill certain key people. Although he has a distaste for business of this sort of the resulting period of turmoil he can not decline to do what is necessary to rid his country of the Communist plague. In order to accomplish this, some blood must be spilled. He stated further that he has given us, without reservation,

all important and secret information for the success of this movement-- his key men, his means, and his organization. This has been given in good faith. He further stated that he consented to meet [ ] only because of the integrity and loyalty of [ ] who recommended the [ ] in the highest of terms. However, he cannot help but recall a past time when he was approached in a similar manner by a group of [ ] officers who, after obtaining his confidence, forwarded the secret information given them to the ARBENZ Government in Guatemala. As a result many loyal lives were lost and the natural suspicion arose in Guatemala that he could well have sold the information to ARBENZ himself. He said his position in the event of betrayal would be untenable.

3. [ ] comment: They believe some direct contact with [ ] high level members should be made, preferably outside of [ ] with [ ] whether or not it is denied this man become aligned with [ ] His top secret information and data have been made available to the [ ] : [ ] his complete confidence has been obtained; and he has in good faith energized his channels to prepare for effective transportation of arms and ammunition [ ] Instructions have been issued for elimination of key people in the ARBENZ organization. It is felt direct contact with [ ] is necessary for the reason that if nothing is done with this man he will feel that he has been deceived and might use the confirmed means at his disposal in a retaliatory manner against [ ] and possibly [ ] The importance of such a meeting cannot be over-emphasized as relieving the pressure on [ ] and, possibly, on [ ]

4. In a discussion of what he stood for and whom he can meet in Guatemala, [ ] stated anyone who had received backing from the [ ] or had been known to receive funds from that source would completely fail in the long run in Guatemala even with superior arms and forces. If they are successful in forcing their way into power they will fail because the Guatemalan people will reject such an alliance and its implications. A partnership with the [ ] implies a reversion to the old order and atmosphere since it would be a re-entry of the same predominating influence. Such a return, en toto, is impossible.

5. Comment of [ ] He was told the following several months before he undertook the present duties for [ ] by an influential person who was then and still is very friendly with the [ ]

[ ] "For the sake of proper diplomatic policy on the part of the U.S. Government upon the installation of a non-Communist Government in Guatemala which will be acceptable to the people of that country, it is very unfortunate the United States Department of State finds it necessary to dance to the tune of the [ ] regardless of whether this tune be correct or incorrect, because both Communists and non-Communists detest the [ ] It is a great mistake that the U.S. has exposed itself to this charge". [ ] stated he wanted no alliance with [ ]

[ ] or other foreign nationalistic parties. He is fighting for his country only. Before accepting the first money he asked if the [ ] was associated with [ ]

6. The next payment of funds will be utilized on the same basis as previous payment. All names and details will be given.

7. Further comment of [ ] In comparing CALLIGERIS and [ ] thought should be given to the following. CALLIGERIS has double-crossed [ ] many times. Nevertheless, the only statement [ ] has made about CALLIGERIS is that, in spite of CALLIGERIS' previous performances, [ ] is willing to cooperate with him for the good of his country. reaction is kinder than that of CALLIGERIS who has from time to time issued vitriolistic derogatory statements about [ ]. [ ] states any known connection with the American Government or American business would only sabotage his movement if such association became public knowledge. Can CALLIGERIS have at heart the real interest of disposing the current, Guatemalan Communist Government if he in any way attempts to impede the movement of [ ]

8. [ ]

9. [ ]

10. The radio station, [ ] is believed to be working on a frequency of 19 megacycles. Illness of the [ ] informer precluded expert advice so this information had to be obtained by a man not technically qualified.

11. The Guatemalan Government is excited about the results of Caracas and is expecting invasion or uprising at any moment. [ ] states nightly foot patrols have been initiated at critical points or wherever the garrisons are not known to be politically reliable. One place guarded is the palm thatched roofs in Zacapa.

12. [ ] has definitely determined large quantities of arms can be moved [ ]

13. [ ] , a contact of [ ] in Guatemala, is now in Sal Salvador and has in his possession 50 machine guns.